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COISTE NA NOG  
(REGULATIONS)

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## GENERAL

1. Coiste na nÓg shall operate under Treoraí Oifigiúil C.L.C.G. and in accordance with the current Mion -Rialacha Choiste Chontae Chorcaí.
2. Coiste na nÓg shall be a recognised unit of the G.A.A. and under the jurisdiction of the An Coiste Chontae Chorcaí.
3. Coiste na nÓg shall consist of Cathaoirleach, Leas Cathaoirleach, Rúnaithe, Cisteoirí, Oifigeach Leanaí, Oifigh Chaidrimh Poiblí and Oifigeach Chultura together with one representative each from Reigiún Lárnach, Reigiún Thoir, Reigiún Thuaidh and Reigiún Thiar, Bainisteóir na gCluichí, Representative from Sciath na Scol, Representative from the Post Primary Schools and Oifigeach Oilíúna Choiste Chontae Chorcaí. *Further people may be appointed to Coiste na nÓg as the committee sees fit.*
4. Competitions Control Committee (C.C.C.) recommendations shall only be overturned by two thirds (2/3) majority of those Board members present and voting.
5. The C.C.C. shall have the power to investigate the constitution of any team at any time.
6. No officer or C.C.C. member shall take part in any investigation or inquiry involving his/her own club or team.
7. Team lists for each game must contain the player's name, in Irish and date of birth. Team sheets must be submitted to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game.
8. All Clubs are to play in their registered club colours. Where a clash of colours occurs, both teams are obliged under General Rule to change, unless where both clubs are in agreement on an alternative arrangement.
9. Clubs are responsible for their players', mentors' and supporters' behaviour towards the referee and opposing Club members.  
Anti-social behaviour is not permitted on the pitch, sideline, end-line areas or dressing rooms. Clubs may be fined per offence committed.
10. For Coiste na nÓg purposes, the Team Officials of Coiste na nÓg teams other than Fé 18 and 16 shall be recognised as the official officers. All correspondence for Fé 18, 16, 15, 14,13,12,11 teams shall be signed by the Club Rúnaithe or under-age club Runaithe, except for team lists which shall be signed by the team Runaithe.
  - a. All players must be under 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, and 11 years respectively on the 1st January of current year of competition.
  - b. In the case of teams found guilty of breaking the over-age rule, the following penalties shall apply:

- (i) Leagues—loss of all points up to and including the match in which the offence was committed.
  - (ii) Championships—Disqualification from all championships in which the player or players competed.
11. The C.C.C. may also recommend suspensions on players or officials in accordance with general rule.
  12. Where Clubs have sufficient players to cater for two teams, a panel of 10 players is to be nominated as **Team 1** players, the remaining players being permitted to play in the Central 3 grade, **Team 2** players, but who would be permitted to play in **Team 1** without affecting their status. This situation is applicable to **League competitions in the Central Region only**. The 10 nominated players must play in the first round of the Championship in the first team, **Team 1**. If they do not or can't play, the CCC (Secretary, Central Region) must be notified of the reason before the game.
  13. Where a club has a team in Premier 1 and 2 (Central) Leagues, or a Premier team in Central and a second team in any of the other Regions, **13** players must be nominated until Championship. Second teams will be graded by the relevant Regions, in consultation with Coiste na nÓg.
  14. A team may commence a game with thirteen players but shall have fielded fifteen players, inclusive of players ordered off or retired injured, by the start of the second half, then the game shall continue.  
(Rial 2.2 Rules of Specification). Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of game. Similarly in 12 a-side competitions, a team with 10 players for the second half, rule 15 above shall apply, with the winning team being the side that wins out the fixture and are awarded the points. Should a situation arise in 12 a-side competition whereby a team can only field 9 for the second half, the game can still continue but the points are automatically awarded to the side with a full twelve. In such circumstances the team with more than 12 players available may, with the permission of the referee, make unlimited substitutions during the second half of the game.
  15. In Fé 15, 14, 13, and 12 and secondary competitions the number of substitutions allowed on each team is unlimited.

### **PRESENTATION OF GAMES:**

16. (a) All pitches to be properly lined and flagged
- (b) National Flag to be flown for all games.
- (c) All teams must be numbered properly and Clubs are requested to dress uniformly, i.e., Matching socks and shorts.

Where clubs are requested for (a) teams / substitutes and / or (b) team panels for programmes, they are requested to supply team panels correctly numbered and ensure that the players taking the pitch for the game are numbered in accordance with the programme. Failure to comply with this request will result in the Club(s) being fined €100.00 for such an offence. This offence is tantamount to bringing the game into disrepute.

## **TRANSFERS**

17. All applications for Transfer shall be made on an official form. These applications may be considered at any meeting of the Coiste na nÓg. No application shall be considered unless received after January 1<sup>st</sup> and in the case of:
  - a) A player over the age of 16 not later than the Coiste na nÓg meeting on the Last Tuesday in January.
  - b) A player under the age of 16 – not later than the last day of January.
18. A player who has not taken part in any official or trophy competition in the previous number of weeks stipulated below:
  - a) A player over the age of 16 – 96 weeks.
  - b) A player eligible for Under 16 and Younger Grades – 48 weeks.
19. All under age transfer applications will be made to Coiste na nÓg for consideration. Adjudications can be made by Coiste na nÓg on applications that are in accordance with General Rule and County Committee Bye Law.
20. In the event of Coiste na nÓg referring a case to the Transfer Adjudication Committee, this Sub-Committee must adjudicate and make recommendations, to Coiste na nÓg within a specified time.
21. The Coiste Chontae Chorcaí Transfer Adjudication Committee's recommendations will be made to Coiste na nÓg on an individual case basis and decisions are to be taken in isolation and without the creation of precedent which may affect any of its future decisions or findings.
22. If difficult Transfer applications cases involving extenuating circumstances remain unresolved, they are to be referred to Coiste Chontae Chorcaí for final adjudication, in the shortest possible time.

### **INDEPENDENT MINOR, UNDER 16 & LOWER AGE TEAMS**

23. Applications to field an Independent Minor, Under 16 and or Under 14 team to be made annually with all relevant details supplied with application, i.e., number of players completed with date of birth from each of the participants.
24. In the case of any club involved in an Independent team, all its players shall play only with that one Independent Minor, Under 16, Under 15 and/or Under 14 team, and may not be split up by forming more than one Independent Minor, Under 16 and or Under 14 team.
25. In the case of two clubs forming an Independent, Under 16, Under 15 or Under 14 team, the same clubs shall be allowed to join together to form an Independent Minor team the appropriate years later.  
Clubs forming The Independent Under 16, Under 15 and or Under 14 team shall not be allowed to change to join with other clubs in an Independent Minor Team Formation.  
Rule 6.4 (1) Permission was given once again for this derogation where “isolated player” can play with another club. (Report Árd Comhairle Meeting 11/02/’12)

### **TROPHIES**

26. Winning teams be compelled to return all trophies won in the previous season before May 1st of the following year or one month prior to the final for which the trophy is required whichever is the earlier. All trophies are to be returned in presentation condition.
27. Failure to comply with bye-law 26 shall result in a €50 fine being imposed on the defaulting club for each outstanding trophy for each defaulting week
28. The expense incurred by the board in repairing or replacing through damage or loss of any trophy shall be borne by the club concerned.

## **GAMES/FIXTURES**

1. All communication between the Board and the Clubs will only be done by the Club secretary through the **Secretary's or Fixtures Secretary's GAA Email Address**. Whichever is applicable.
2. The C.C.C. shall fix all games in accordance with the Master fixture plan.
3. Where a difficulty arises, the Board Fixtures Secretary should be informed as soon as possible. Clubs are encouraged to have their fixtures times agreed with their opponents and notified to the Fixtures Secretary at least 24 hours prior to a Board Meeting.
4. All fixtures, once ratified at a Board Meeting, may not be altered or postponed except in exceptional circumstances, following the procedures outlined under **"Postponement of League Games"**
5. All fines to be paid by the next Board meeting. Any club or team not having paid its previous year's fees or fines shall not be accepted for entry to the leagues or championships in hurling or football the following year in Coiste na nÓg competitions.
6. Anti-social behaviour is not permitted on the pitch, sideline, end-line areas or dressing rooms. Clubs may be fined per offence committed.
7. It is the policy of an Coiste Chontae Chorcaí that no underage game should be postponed to facilitate an adult competition.
8. In relation to a clash arising with Fé 21 Championship and Minor League games in February and March, if Fé 21 Championship games are played on Saturdays, the Fé 18 League games will be played on Sundays.
9. Clubs who enter but withdraw from competition prior to commencement of competition will be fined €150.
10. Gates will be taken up at all Championship Games and all clubs are expected to make their venues available to the Board for championship games. All championship games and league finals are to be played on enclosed and neutral venues as far as possible.
11. Where a club has two teams playing in the same age group, a facility to avoid direct clashes between the two teams in leagues will have to be permitted, possibly Premier 1 or 2 on the Saturday and the second fixture on the Friday night, Sunday or Monday night where possible.
12. In Fé 15, 14, 13, 12 and secondary competitions, the number of substitutions allowed on each team is unlimited. Central 3 Competitions are 13 a-side competitions unless both teams agree to play 15 a-side.
13. In Fé 14 and 13 football competitions the player taking the kick-out may have the option of kicking the ball from his hands from the 20 metre line. 45m kicks to be taken off the ground. (45m kicks may be taken from the hand in U12 competition only).

14. Games in Fé 18,16,15,14 and 13 competitions shall be 30 minutes a half.
15. Fé 12 games will be played from 20 M line to 20 M line with small goal posts and size 4 footballs and size 4 sliotars. Fé 13 and Fé 14 C and D competitions will also be played from 20 M line to 20 M line with small goal posts and size 4 footballs and size 4 sliotars. Under 13 and 14 C competitions will be 12 a-side while D competitions will be 11 a-side. These arrangements apply to Regional and County competitions. 45m kicks may be taken from the hand in U12 competition only.
16. **Football – Under 14 and Lower:** A player in possession of the Ball is entitled to 1 hop, 1 hand to toe but he must then release the Ball and not play it again until another player plays it.( Féile na nÓg being an exception).
17. **Fé 15 Competitions** It is recommended that this would be confined to players in two age groups only. Fé 13's should not take part in this competition where possible. Fé 15 games will not go off because of Fé 13 games.
18. All games to be played in accordance with the Master Fixture Plan.
19. To facilitate Post Primary Schools' games during October / November /December / January / February, club games should not take place 48 hours prior to Post Primary games. Exceptions for Post Primary Schools in Munster Semi Finals and beyond can be agreed provided the Chairman and Secretary of the relevant boards agree and the clubs involved agree a re-fixture within the following four weeks.
20. The Home Team is responsible for texting the score of the game to the Runáí/appropriate person. Where a game is played at a neutral venue, BOTH teams are to ring /text the result.



## **REGULATIONS GOVERNING LEAGUE COMPETITIONS**

1. The first named team has **home venue**, but if same is not available, the game must be played at the opponent's venue or at a neutral venue.
2. Completion date for all regional leagues is the **second Sunday in September**. Where a league is not completed by the deadline, a team will be nominated. That team will partake in the inter-Regional competition to conclusion, and if successful, will be declared inter-Regional champions and will not have to defend that title in their own region subsequently.
3. Where the appointed referee fails to attend, agreement must be reached on a substitute referee by either tossing or by agreement. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture of the league points by the club failing to agree. In the event of a referee being agreed by both clubs it is the responsibility of the club of the referee to ensure that the Official Report of the game is submitted within three days of the game. Should the agreed referee not be a member of either participating club, the responsibility for ensuring the report is submitted shall rest with the home club.
4. **FIXTURES:** All Fixtures agreed in all Leagues and Cup Competitions between clubs must be notified by GAA email to the Fixtures Secretary at least 5 days in advance of the fixture or 24 hours before a Board Meeting.
5. **Unfulfilled fixtures – penalties**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Walk over - €50 fine
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Walk over - €50 fine and disqualification plus €50 fine for each remaining fixture
    - a) League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win and one for a draw.
    - b) If a club is disqualified or retires during the course of the league stage of the competition, its played games shall stand and its unplayed games shall be awarded to the opposing teams.
    - c) Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for the concluding stages, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified.
      - 1) Where two teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition will determine the qualifier.
      - 2) Scoring difference (subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for)
      - 3) Highest total score for.
      - 4) Playoff

Exceptions to c) : in relation to means 2) and 3) above, if the accumulated scores of a team, so involved, are affected by a disqualification, retirement or walkover, the tie shall be decided by a play off.

Regulations 1), 2) and 3) above shall not apply to under 16 or younger age grade competitions and are applicable to minor leagues at Regional Board's discretion, to be determined in advance of the commencement of the competition.

### **Postponement of League Games: The following procedure to apply:**

1. Request for postponement of a League Fixture to be made directly to the Nominated Officer by GAA Email, or in his absence to the Deputising Officer nominated by each Board, at least 3 days prior to the game.
2. When a postponement is sought a definite date, prior to the next Regional Board meeting, must be agreed by both clubs for the re-fixture.
3. If the re-fixture is not played on the date agreed by both clubs at the time of the postponement, the CCC will then adjudicate on the game.
4. If a postponement is granted, **both clubs** must submit by GAA Email, the name of the club requesting the postponement, the reason for the postponement and the date of the re-fixture.
5. If postponements are requested in exceptional or unforeseen circumstances the request should be made to the Chairperson or in his absence the Vice Chairperson.

#### **6. WALKOVERS**

Points can only be awarded to an opposing team once the fixture has been made and notified, (**in accordance with No. 4 of Regulations Governing League Competitions** ) If a team then does not fulfil a fixture, the opposition may be awarded the points if the club brings this to the attention of the CCC in writing. Walkovers or conceding points to an opposing team will not be allowed in any other circumstances in League Competitions in either hurling or football. Points cannot be awarded for games that have not been ratified.

### **'GO GAMES'**

Many clubs are presently organising games in the 'Go Games' model at ages from 8 upwards.

It is important that application for such games is made to Games Manager. When making these applications clubs are requested to note that the application must be made in compliance with correspondence of April 2013 'Challenge Games Permission'.

**Coiste proposes that under General number 13; “Where a club has a team in Premier 1 and 2 (Central) Leagues, or a Premier team in Central and a second team in any of the other Regions, 13 players must be nominated until Championship. Second teams will be graded by the relevant Regions, in consultation with Coiste na nÓg” will be amended as follows; Where a club has a team in Premier 1 and / or a 2 (Central) Leagues, or a Premier team in Central and a second team wishing to participate in any of the other Regions, as a result of a central 3 facility not being viable, such club(s) will nominate 13 players until Championship. Second teams will be graded by representatives of the County Grading Committee, 2 representatives of Coiste na nÓg and 2 officers of the Region in which the club will participate.**